

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide**

**Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR)**

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**Revision Date:**

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**Background:**

This section provides information regarding the IAR program within CAPI.

**Purpose:**

To provide instructions for the IAR program within CAPI.

**Policy:**

**1. Federal IAR:**

CAPI payments may be reimbursed to the State from retroactive SSI payments, when CAPI is paid when either the SSI:

- Application is pending
- Benefits were suspended, if the person is subsequently found to be eligible and certain conditions are met.

The applicant must sign the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Authorization (SSP 14) to agree that, if he/she becomes eligible for SSI, Social Security will send payment to the County Office of Revenue and Recovery (ORR) from the individual's retroactive SSI payment. ORR collects this reimbursement on behalf of the State, since the State funds the CAPI program.

**2. Signing the IAR Authorization:**

Only the following people may sign the IAR Authorization (SSP 14):

- CAPI applicant
- Parents, with intact parental rights, for CAPI minor applicants
- Legal Guardians who are not IAR representatives
- CAPI representative payee who are not IAR representatives

**3. IAR Authorization Expiration:**

The IAR Authorization expires:

- At the end of one year
- After SSI begins or reinstates payments
- Upon denial of an SSI application, if the individual does not file a timely appeal of that denial.

After the effective life of the authorization ends, HHSA may not use the authorization to reimburse the State, so it is important for each case to contain a current IAR authorization.

**4. When to Complete the IAR Authorization:**

Follow the steps in Processing Guide 99-108.1A to complete the SSP 14:

- At intake
- At redetermination
- Any time after the initial 12 months of eligibility, when the recipient reapplies for SSI/SSP. An example is when a recipient reapplies for SSI, instead of appealing the denial.

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Whenever it is discovered that a recipient's SSI claim has been denied, refer the individual to SSI Advocacy for assistance with the reapplication or appeal. If the recipient reapplies without filing an appeal, complete a new IAR Authorization.

**5. State IAR:**

Counties may claim IAR from the State when CAPI benefits are awarded retroactively and the applicant has received GR payments pending receipt of CAPI. The State IAR program operates in a manner similar to the Federal IAR program for the SSI/SSP program. Deduct the amount of GR payments made to the recipient during the months of transition from GR to CAPI from the retroactive CAPI benefits.

**6. Eligible Period for State IAR – Overlapping Months of GR and CAPI:**

The eligible period for State IAR begins with the first month of CAPI eligibility and ends with, and includes, the month the individual's CAPI payments begin. This same eligible period applies if benefits are reinstated after suspension or termination. The eligible period begins and ends with, and includes, the first payment following the suspension or termination, if eligibility is re-established.

**Procedure:**

Follow the actions in the policies above and Processing Guide 99-108.1A for Federal IAR actions and Processing Guide 99-108.1B for State IAR actions.

**Program Impact/s:**

None.

**References:**

MPP 49-065

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**Sunset Date:**

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